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ETHIOPIA

CONGO PRESIDENT YHOMBI-OPANGO ARRIVES IN ADDIS ABABA

LD211912Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1200 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Excerpts] Comrade Gen Joachim Yhombi-Opango, president of People's Republic of Congo, arrived in Addis Ababa this afternoon to pay a working visit to Ethiopia. Comrade President Yhombi-Opango was received by Comrade Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and Council of Ministers; Comrade Capt Fikre-Selassie Wogderess, general secretary of the Provisional Military Administrative Council; and other Provisional Military Administrative Council members at Bole International Airport. Also present were ministers, commissioners, military commanders and officials of OAU and the East African Community.

In his press statement in the special lounge of the airport, the president of the People's Republic of Congo said that he remembered the harsh conditions that had been overcome by the fraternal people of Ethiopia. He went on to express his belief that the struggles waged by the heroic people of Ethiopia for freedom, development and prosperity will be victorious through the wise leadership of the leaders.

The comrade president declared the unflinching support of the revolutionary people of the Congo for the Ethiopian revolution and its struggle. He added that when he recalled the problems with which the people of Ethiopia were confronted, and the victories, he was filled with great joy. In particular, when he recalled that the peoples of Ethiopia and Congo were waging the same struggles for the same objective his joy was doubled.

Continuing, Comrade President Yhombi-Opango disclosed his gratification and pride at the victory scored at the battlefront under the farsighted and correct leadership of Comrade Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam, and declared that his country was satisfied at the foiling of the invasion that had been directed against Ethiopia. The comrade president gave assurance of the full support of the people and Government of the Congo to enable revolutionary Ethiopia to safeguard her independence and territorial integrity, and said that we believe the safeguarding of the territorial integrity of Ethiopia and the maintenance of its independence is an assurance of peace.

Talks With Mengistu

LD212126Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1800 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] Comrade Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the Provisional Military Administrative Council and Council of Ministers, tonight received Comrade Brig Gen Joachim Yhombi-Opango, president of the People's Republic of Congo, at the National Palace, and held talks for 2 hours on the objective reality and progress of the revolution. In his explanation, Comrade Chairman Mengistu briefed the president on the oppression and the exploitation of the broad masses of Ethiopia under the former system. After mentioning the obstacles faced the broad masses in the process of intensifying the revolution, the comrade chairman gave a detailed account of the magnificient victories. Comrade Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam spoke of the subversive and aggressive conspiracy hatched by imperialism and the surrounding reactionary forces against the Ethiopian revolution and territorial integrity. Moreover the comrade chairman explained to Comrade President Yhombi-Opango about the friendly relations and common line of struggle between Ethiopia and the People's Republic of Congo.

In his reply, Comrade President Yhombi-Opango declared the full support of the people of Congo for the revolution and territorial integrity of Ethiopia, and disclosed that the two countries have a common stand on African and international questions. The comrade president condemned the conspiracies of the imperialists and their direct and disguised interventions undertaken in an attempt to arrest and reverse progressive and liberation movements in the southern part of Africa. Moreover, Comrade President Yhombi-Opango stated that Congo and Ethiopia, together with other progressive countries, will support the progressive and liberation movements which are being intensified in the southern part of Africa.

Present during the talks were Provisional Military Administrative Council members, ministers and the senior officials accompanying the comrade president.

FOREIGN MINISTER FELEKE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

LD 201817Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] A three-man Ethiopian delegation led by Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle-Giorgis left for New York this morning to attend the special UN session on disarmament.

MENGISTU DESCRIBES WORKING VISIT TO OGADEN

LD201530Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] On his arrival from Diredawa yesterday, the Provisional Military Administrative Council [PMAC] chairman answered questions put to him by journalists about his working visit to that part of the country. Comrade Colonel Mengistu expressed satisfaction with his tour and added that it was necessary to undertake it since the region had been subjected firstly to attacks by the so-called Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party; secondly to confusions spread by right-roaders; and thirdly to the activities of bandits infiltrated by Somalia in preparation of the full-scale invasion launched against this country by regular troops of the reactionary Mogadiscio regime. This visit, the chairman said, enabled him and his comrade to assess the general situation and to guage the responsibility of the government in this respect.

Speaking further, Comrade Colonel Mengistu said that the reactionary invading army of Somalia, which had been preparing for years to attack Ethiopia, violated the country's border at a time when it considered it opportune but that it was decisively dealt with by the united might of the broad masses and the revolutionary vanguard forces of Ethiopia who routed the enemy and drove it from the borders of Ethiopia.

The PMAC chairman went on to explain, however, that the reactionary Mogadiscio regime is trying to achieve in an indirect way the victory it lost to Ethiopia with such humiliation. Henceforth, it cannot penetrate an inch into Ethiopian territory, much less raise its flag within our borders, the PMAC chairman stated.

CLUSTER BOMBS REPORTEDLY DROPPED ON ERITREAN VILLAGES

JN191705Y Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 19 May 78 JN

[Text] The Eritrean fighters have been bravely confronting the Ethiopian forces of occupation for the 5th day in a row. The Eritrean news agency says that fierce battles are raging west of the capital, Asmara, and that new reinforcements have been sent to the battle areas. Ethiopian planes have begun indiscriminately strafing the liberated towns and villages and are dropping the internationally-banned cluster bombs. This has killed a large number of women and children. The Ethiopians are using surface-to-surface missiles in their attack against Eritrean territory. In its report today from the battle area, the agency said that for the past 3 days, the Ethiopian forces of occupation have been unable to remove their dead because of the fierce fighting.

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT ISSUES STATEMENT ON FIGHTING

JN200843Y Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 0800 GMT 20 May 78 JN

[Text] The Eritrean Liberation Front has stated that its revolutionaries are waging fierce battles around the capital Asmara, and that the Ethiopian military regime has been sending reinforcements to support its offensive which entered its seventh day. The front added that Ethiopian planes are continuing their barbaric raids on Eritrean cities and villages, using cluster bombs supplied by the Zionist entity. This has resulted in heavy losses among the civilian population. The front added that two villages near Asmara have been completely destroyed. The front stressed that its revolutionaries have inflicted heavy casualties among the Ethiopian forces and that the battlefield is covered with wounded and dead bodies.

Ethiopian war vessels continued their shelling of the Eritrean Red Sea coast. However, an attempt to land Ethiopian troops on the coast has failed.

INA REPORTS ERITREAN GAINS IN FIGHTING

JN191753Y Baghdad INA in Arabic 1658 GMT 19 May 78 JN

[Text] Baghdad, 19 May--The Eritrean revolution forces have been able to expel the Ethiopian forces of occupation from their position in (Adi Taklai) after a sudden attack which killed and wounded a large number of the occupation forces. A report received by INA from the front defense lines says that the revolution forces at the above position seized 210 kalashnikovs, 116 automatic rifles, 23 light machineguns and a large amount of ammunition.

The report says that the Ethiopian forces moved from (Ti'u) north of (Dinkalia) and were engaged by the Eritrean forces. Fierce battles raged there and are still raging south of (Dinkalia). The report adds that shelling from the land, sea and air is still continuing and that fierce battles are raging near Adi.

These battles began 5 days ago and the Ethiopian forces have suffered great losses in men and equipment.

KENYA

FORGET DIVISIVE POLITICS, MINISTER TELLS LUO COMMUNITY

LD212118Y Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Luo community has been told not to expect another independence or a political messiah. The independence Kenya achieved 15 years ago is sufficient.

This was said today be the minister for information and broadcasting, Mr Omolo-Okero, when addressing a huge KANU [Kenya African National Union] rally in Homa Bay. Mr Omolo-Okero warned that the Luo community should not be used as a ladder by ill-advised political aspirants. He said the Luo, like the rest of the tribes in the country, should (?make do) with the leadership of President Kenyatta. The minister told a huge gathering at the rally that the Luo were capable of resolving their differences independently. Mr Omolo-Okero called on the Luo community to forget divisive politics. He said these should not be given room to rear their heads. He wondered why some people have chosen to stand on the fence and yet, at the same time, have the guts to criticise whatever was being done by the elected leaders.

The meeting, which was the first in a series of KANU meetings throughout the province, resolved that Luo's should work in harmony with the rest of the Kenyans to hasten development.

The minister for tourism and wildlife, Mr Ogutu, said there was not question of not yet uhuru.[freedom]. He said Kenya achieved independence after several years of bloodshed, adding that uhuru is there, and the people should not be cheated that uhuru is yet to come.

He noted that had it not been for President Kenyatta's personal involvement in the struggle for independence, Kenya would still be under colonial domination.

SOMALIA

DANAB REPORTS ENEMY KILLING OF PEOPLE OF SOMALI ORIGIN

LD201508Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The allied enemy forces are still continuing the cold-blooded killing and maiming of innocent civilians, including children, women and elderly people in Western Somalia and Abo, which are colonized by the Abyssinians, this morning's issue of DANAB, the official organ of the Somali liberation fronts, says. The paper added that last week the enemy forces killed hundreds of people of Somali origin who had committed no crime whatsoever at El Kere and Bare, set their homes and farms on fire and killed all their livestock.

MOGADISCIO: SALF REPORTS ENEMY LOSSES IN CLASH

LD211556Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The gallant freedom fighters of the Somali-Abo Liberation Front [SALF] killed 101 soldiers of the unholy alliance in a fierce clash in (Shau) district, Bale region. This report was published in todays DANAB, the official organ of the Western Somali Liberation Front. The battle has been going on for 4 days. The freedom fighters captured a large quantity of arms and returned safely to their base.

COMMENTARY APPEALS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS

LD201638Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Station commentary]

[Excerpt] Mengistu and his allies should have learned a lesson from their experience at the hands of the Western Somali and Abo: that military force is not a solution to the problems of people struggling for self-determination.

The Somali Democratic Republic, [SDR] which has a long tradition of support for people's independence struggles, is behind the Eritrean people both morally and materially, as are the Western Somali, Abo and all anticolonial forces. Therefore, it appeals to the UN, the OAU, the Arab League, international organizations and all peace-loving people to take immediate and appropriate steps against the savage invasion intended to annihilate the Eritrean people and put an end to the chaos which the Abyssinians and their allies are creating in the Horn of Africa.

The SDR has already warned against the political maneuvers and subsequent confusion arising from the presence of foreign troops in the Horn of Africa and reiterates the call made by the SDR president and other responsible heads of state for the withdrawal of foreign troops from the region and the granting of self-determination to people living under Abyssinian colonialism.

TANZANIA

PARTY PAPER: BLACKS SHARE BLAME FOR RHODESIAN KILLINGS

LD191326Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 0400 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The party newpaper UHURU today observed again that the so-called internal settlement reached in Rhodesia is not a permanent solution to the British breakaway colony dispute. This is because, the paper says, the interim government formed under the so-called agreement is conspiring to exploit, oppress and commit murderous acts to the 6 million blacks in Zimbabwe. The paper recalls last Saturday's [as heard] incident in which more than 50 civilians were slaughtered and 24 others injured in barbaric acts committed by Rhodesian forces. Prior to this incident, the paper notes, a black minister, Mr Byron Hove, was dismissed from the interim government for advocating the security and police forces to be streamlined in line with the so-called international settlement. When he refused to retract his statement, UHURU adds, Mr Hove was sacked. The party organ says although that [word indistinct] is not a new enigma in Rhodesia, [word indistinct] is that they are now being committed within the African leaders themselves, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau who have sided with Ian Smith in the interim government. Before the interim government and the so-called internal settlement, bloodshed was being carried out by the rebels, but under the present circumstances, where the three African leaders have joined Smith, they should also bear the consequences. When asked about the massacres, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who together with his fellow henchmen are running the campaign to win the support of the people in rural areas, said he had no idea, adding that if they happened, it is bad news. This proves how these African leaders are determined to eliminate and sell out their motherland and deny the rights and interests of the people of Zimbabwe. UHURU points out: To the international community, in the present circumstances in Rhodesia and the so-called interim government, its responsibility is not to watch what is happening, but to find a permanent solution. The true settlement should guarantee a genuine independence to the people of Zimbabwe, and restore their human dignity.

USSR SIGNS AGREEMENT TO AID IN FARM DEVELOPMENT

LD191414Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 1000 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Tanzania and the USSR have signed an agreement under which the USSR will assist Tanzania in the development of state maize and cotton farms. The maize farm will be in Nyamtumbo area in Songea district, Ruvuma region. The project, which involves 4,500 hectares, will initially cost 5 million Tanzanian shillings, and will be subject to review later. The USSR will also bear the cost of agricultural machinery and spare parts, and provide 17 experts who will work in Tanzania for 18 months. It will also train Tanzanians for the project locally and abroad. The Russian experts will do the preliminary work, including survey and clearing the land, and soil tests.

UGANDA

AMIN CABLES OAU CHAIRMAN ON INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE

LD191838Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1400 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] President Amin has sent a message to the chairman of the OAU, President Bongo of Gabon, expressing concern about the (?latest) intervention in the fighting in Shaba Province in Zaire. The message reads as follows:

Your excellency and dear brother, I am addressing myself to you on the disturbing developments in the Shaba province of Zaire. As we share a common border with Zaire, the people of Zaire and Uganda are thus very closely linked and therefore anything which directly affects the people of Zaire will inevitably affect the people of Uganda as well. The blood of the people of Zaire is the same as that of the people of Uganda. Any blood lost to Zaire will be a painful loss to the people of Uganda. As of this writing, preparations are well under way for a massive airborne operation by thousands of paratroopers and commandos from NATO [to] raid the town of Kolwezi to evacuate foreign white nationals.

There can be no doubt that within this operation, courtless numbers of innocent blacks in Kolwezi are likely to lose their lives. The tragedy of it all is that there will be nobody from either Africa or any nonalined country to witness the operation and make a record for future history as to how the operation was carried out. Black people are going to die and history will condemn the present leaders of free Africa for this.

Furthermore, some of the technical experts from France, Belgium and Italy, for whom this exercise is aimed at rescuing, are bound to be killed during the operation. As this could possibly happen, it is Uganda's great concern to me because these experts, who have been rendering such valuable services to Zaire in the mining industry, could render the same service to other African countries, including Uganda.

I am sure that through your good offices and the persuasion of all the African leaders, the fighting forces in Shaba can let the foreign nationals leave without resorting to airborne operation with its unpredictable consequences.

If persuasion fails, then the lives of those engaged in Kolwezi can best be guaranteed by African troops or troops from other nonalined countries. For this reason, I would like to suggest that troops from either Morocco, Guinea, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Nigeria or Yugoslavia. [sentence as heard] Time is of great essence in this situation and our immediate and concrete action can make all difference.

Accept, your excellency and dear brother, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Copies of the message are being sent to President Tito of Yugoslavia; the secretary general of the U.N., Dr Kurt Waldheim; and the secretary general of the OAU.

ZAIRE

ZAIRE RECALLS MOSCOW AMBASSADOR 19 MAY

LD191510Y Kinshasa Domestic Service in French 1200 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Zaire is recalling its ambassador to Moscow. This was announced this morning in a press statement issued by the permanent secretary of the Political Bureau following a meeting of the select committee of the Political Bureau chaired by President Mobutu.

REBELS, FOREIGN TROOPS CLASH IN SHABA PROVINCE 19-22 MAY

French Paratroops in Kolwezi

LD191813Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1655 GMT 19 May 78 LD

[Text] Kinshasa--Continuing their mission to save the lives of the Europeans being held hostage in Kolwezi, the French paratroops who went into action this afternoon have had serious clashes since 1630 GMT with the rebels, who attacked them with armored cars.

The French destroyed one of the cars and took four prisoners, who, under first interrogation, said that until this morning there was still a motorized Cuban unit in Kolwezi. Some members of the motorized Cuban company managed to escape when they learned of Friday's French intervention aimed at saving the lives of hostages.

It has been learned from a military source in Kinshasa that French legionnaires have thus far (?suffered no losses). The same source adds that the foreigners and Zairians who had been confined to their homes are beginning to come out, one by one, as they learn of the arrival of the French and the flight of the rebels.

Communications with the Zairian troops operating from the plain [word indistinct] south of Kolwezi, have not yet been established.

At present the second phase of the assault is in preparation. As far as the Cuban motorized company is concerned, (?the same source) says that only black Cubans, easily confused with ex-Katanga gendarmes, were in Kolwezi. This information confirms that, contrary to the rude statements by M. H. Simonet, Belgian minister of foreign affairs, the ex-Katanga gendarmes did not come to Kolwezi alone but were accompanied by Cubans, who fought the Zairian troops, as General Mobutu has stressed from the very beginning.

French Encounter Little Resistance

PA191706Y Paris AFP in English 1650 GMT 19 May 78 PA

[Text] Kinshasa, May 19 (AFP)--French Foreign Legion paratroopers were encountering little resistance after they were dropped into the rebel-held Zairese mining town of Kolwezi today, to rescue around 2,000 foreigners, the Zaire press agency reported.

The 400 elite shocktroops began their rescue operation at 1410 GMT (1610 local).

Resistance, after they landed, was limited to a few sporadic bursts of gunfire, the agency said.

Bodies of Europeans Found

LD191930Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1855 GMT 19 May 78 LD

[Text] Kinshasa--This evening 40 bodies of Europeans, still not identified, were found by French legionnaires east of Kolwezi, near a place called Water Castle.

A bit further on, four other bodies were found left in a vehicle, which makes a total of 44 victims of the ex-Katangan gendarmes, who thus obeyed the orders of their bloody chief, the sinister Nathaniel Mbumba. These orders, intercepted by the Zairian information services, were denounced (?at midday) in Kinshasa after a restricted meeting of the Popular Movement of the Revolution's Political Bureau.

The instructions given to the rebels by their chiefs envisaged the massacre of Europeans taken hostage, sabotage of the economic sector and the kidnaping of young Zairian citizens who would be forced to undergo training in Angola and Algeria.

The 44 bodies which were found were those of men only, which makes it seem that the rebels had separated the men from the women and children. The news of this macabre discovery caused consternation this evening in Kinshasa, where it is being asked why asylum is still being granted in [word indistinct] and elsewhere in Europe to those who have claimed to have invaded Shaba, and who are behind the drama which is being played out with so much terror in Kolwezi. It is being stressed that it is the leaders of the so-called Congolese National Liberation Front, "who have taken refuge in Brussels, who bear the heavy responsibility for this massacre."

FNLC Wants Cease-Fire

LD191628Y Brussels Domestic Service in French 1600 GMT 19 May 78 LD

[Text] For the Congo National Liberation Front [FNLC], it is the attacks by the Zaire Government forces which are endangering the Europeans in Kolwezi. It is impossible at the moment for the FNLC to guarantee the evacuation of civilians. That is why it is asking once again for a preliminary 48-hour cease-fire to allow the evacuation. The FNLC adds that the Zaire Government has no interest in facilitating this evacuation, if it takes place there will no longer be any justification for foreign invervention.

Finally the FNLC is said to have set up a revolutionary council in Kolwezi, a council which, it says, some Europeans have joined, especially Belgian and French people.

Zairian Red Cross Mission

LD192059Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 2000 GMT 19 Mar 78 LD

[Summary] Kinshasa, AZAP--The Central Committee of the Zairian Red Cross, which met this evening, decided to send a mission made up of doctors and first-aid personnel to Shaba to join the first-aid personnel of the Shaba region already there. The delegation is to be headed by Dr Nzita Kitondo, vice president of the Central Committee of the Red Cross, and will be followed by a team of more than 200 personnel who will bring material and medicine.

The Red Cross also decided to hold more frequent meetings in view of the situation in Shaba.

Belgian Paratroops Begin Evacuation

OW200840Y Paris AFP in English 0823 GMT 20 May 78 OW

[Text] Kinshasa, May 20 (AFP)--Belgian paratroops today began evacuating European from Kolwezi, a Belgian military source said today.

(Earlier the Belgian Defence Ministry announced in Brussels that its paratroops were in complete control of the mining town's airport in Zaire's Shaba province.

(The ministry said the Belgian troops had established a bridgehead there and Belgian planes were landing regularly with reinforcements of men and supplies.)

AFP Reports Resistance

OW200954Y Paris AFP in English 0946 GMT 20 May 78 OW

[Text] Kinshasa, 20 May--French Foreign Legion paratroops are meeting "fairly fierce but isolated" resistance in Kolwezi town where they have killed at least 30 rebels without loss among their own ranks, French sources said here today.

They added that while the official figure of European civilian dead stood at 60, including women, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Zairese President Mobutu Sese Seko left here today aboard a C-130 aircraft for Kolwezi.

Mobutu Interviewed

LD211536Y Kinshasa Domestic Service in French 0500 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Excerpt] Citizen Mobutu Sese Seko, founder of the Popular Movement of the Revolution [MPR] and president of the republic, visited Kolwezi for the second time in 48 hours yesterday, 20 May 1978, via Kamina. In Kolwezi, Guide Mobutu Sese Seko inspected Zairian armed forces headquarters and [words indistinct] also made the journey.

A horrible, dreadful, unbearable sight met us- one of massacre, horror, savagery and besticlity in their lowest form [words indistinct].

This Saturday, 20 May 1978, Gen Mobutu Sese Seko, president-founder of the MPR, supreme commander of the Zairian Armed Forces and his entire entourage, including about 50 journalists and reporters, cameramen and photographers of the international press, stood in front of the shambles discovered in one of the houses of Kolwezi, situated in (Musochi) distrinct, (Manika) zone.

Outside the door, there in a [word indistinct] in the corridor were piles of corpses of European nationals, (?girls) and even children, atrociously mutilated, executed on Wednesday, 17 May 1978. Such is the barbaric and inhuman work of the rebel hordes of former Katangan gendarmes in the pay of the Russo-Cubans and the Algeria-Libya tandem, those pseudo [words indistinct].

Those who are capable of such atrocities are not men; they are wild, savage animals and must be treated as such.

Before arriving at Kamina [words indistinct], the president-founder of the MPR, at the controls of his C-130, answered our correspondent's question: [begin recording]

[Question] Were there heavy losses among the Zairian and French troops?

[Answer] For the (?111th) battalion, in the 3 days since (?we regained control of the situation) at Kolwezi airport, there have been three killed and one wounded.

[Question] And what about the [word indistinct] paratroopers who (?jumped) yesterday?

[Answer] [Words indistinct] I think there are three or five wounded.

[Question] Mr President, do you have any information on the fate of the [words indistinct] 3,000 Europeans who have been stranded in Kolwezi for a week?

[Answer] I had proof this morning; I was informed this morning [words indistinct] that about 60 Europeans were shot by the bandits, as you know.

[Question] Were they killed that morning?

[Answer] Shortly before the drop.

[Question] Is it known who killed them? It has been said there were Cubans there.

[Answer] (?You know), up to yesterday morning there were still (?two) companies [words indistinct] Russo-Cubans which disappeared when the second [word indistinct] was dropped.

[Question] Mr President, can you tell me what you think about the international aid from which Zaire has benefited in this operation--French, American and Belgian aid?

[Answer] Quite simply it proves that despite Russo-Cuban provocation, Zaire is not alone. Throughout the world Zaire has many friends.

[Question] Mr President, can you confirm that after the Kolwezi operation the French troops will go home?

[Answer] I think that that is a matter for negotiation with the French Government. The time has not yet come for me to say anything on the subject.

[Question] Are you optimistic about resolving the situation?

[Answer] I am very optimistic, very optimistic. The rebels, the Angolans, the Russians [words indistinct] but they will be tired.

[Question] [Words indistinct] how do you explain that there was a massacre, which was in effect a massacre of whites?

[Answer] How can you explain that? There is no [word indistinct]. Barely 3 days ago our security services intercepted a message that Mbumba had sent from Angola as a formal order, to be carried out by his men [words indistinct] the liquidation of all whites taken as hostages. The result of this is that up to this morning 60 European corpses had been found--shot by the bandits, as you know.

[Question] Do you think it was a Cuban [words indistinct] or was it just a reaction on the part of the rebels?

[Answer] [Words indistinct] Mbumba is there boss in Antola. [end recording]

Mobutu Denounces Organizers of Rebellion

PA211726Y Paris AFP in Spanish 1644 GMT 21 May 78 PA

[Text] Kinshasa, 21 May (AFP)--Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko has told the Zaire press agency AZAP that the "Brezhnevs, Castros, Boumediennes, Al-Qadhdhafis and Netos are the true murderers and real criminals whose hands are bloodstained."

Mobutu, AZAP said, used harsh words against the countries which plotted, organized and took part in operation "Dove," as the Shaba war was codenamed.

"The evildoers, bandits and assassins of Zairian origin based in Brussels under the name of the FNLC [National Congolese Liberation Front] left the Belgian capital, at a date I will reveal later, for Havana where the dramatic Operation Dove was conceived," Mobutu said.

He added: "This operation was polished in Algiers at a meeting of all the rebel leaders abroad. Among them was the leader of the former Katanganese gendarmes, the sinister and bloody Nathanel Mbumba."

Mobutu concluded by repeating his accusations against the presidents of the USSR, Cuba, Angola and Libya--Leonid Brezhnev, Fidel Castro, Agostinho Neto and Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, respectively.

AZAP: Kolwezi Fully Liberated

PA201359Y Paris AFP in Spanish 1349 GMT 20 May 78 PA

[Text] Kinshasa, 20 May (AFP)--The city of Kolwezi has been fully liberated, according to the Zairian press agency. The press agency was quoting statements made by 134 foreign refugees who arrived in Kinshasa today from that mining city.

Refugees Arrive in Kinshasa

LD201522Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1327 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The first contingent of 134 Europeans of different nationalities arrived in Kinshasa early this afternoon from Kolwezi. Their destination is Brussels, and they were traveling aboard a Sabena Boeing-707. These Europeans confirm that the town of Kolwezi has been completely liberated.

Mobutu Hopes French Will Stay

PA211427Y Paris AFP in Spanish 1432 GMT 21 May 78 PA

[Text] Paris, 21 May (AFP)--Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko said today in Paris that he would like the French troops to remain in his country "for some time" after the European residents have been evacuated.

During a news conference he said that he had informed the UN Security Council and the Organization of African Unity of his country's situation.

The president voiced his hope that those two organizations would adopt a position against "what the Russians and Cubans are doing in Africa to destabilize those countries which do not agree with their ideology."

MOBUTU RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN

LD192036Y Rabat MAP in French 1530 GMT 19 May 78 LD

[Text] Kinshasa--Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko on Thursday received Moroccan ambassador to Kinshasa Abdelwahab Chorfi. Chorfi, at the end of the audience, said that he had conveyed orally to President Mobutu from King Hassan II, a message expressing the solidarity of the king and the Moroccan people with the president and people of Zaire. Asked about possible aid to Zaire by Morocco to enable Zaire to face the renewed aggression in Shaba, Abdelwahab Chorfi said Rabat is closely following the situation in Kolwezi and Shaba.

MOBUTU RECALLS AMBASSADORS FROM ALGERIA, LIBYA

LD211600Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 0810 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] Citizen Mobutu Sese Seko, president-founder of the MPR and president of the republic, has just recalled to Kinshasa Zaire's ambassadors to Algeria and Libya, two of the countries accused by Zaire of having an active role in the events at present taking place in Kolwezi: It will be remembered that only a few days ago the Executive Council decided to recall Zaire's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

AZAP: LIBERIAN ENVOY ARRIVES IN ZAIRE WITH MESSAGE

LD202002Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1547 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] Kinshasa, 20 May, AZAP--Mr Wilmont Adolphus David, special envoy from President William Tolbert, arrived in Kinshasa this afternoon. He is carrying a personal message from the Liberian president to his Zairian counterpart, army corps Gen Mobutu Sese Seko.

The Liberian roving ambassador did not disclose (?the contents of the message to the press). However, he indicates that it is connected with the unfortunate events which are taking place in the Shaba region of the Republic of Zaire.

On his arrival at Ndjili International Airport, the special envoy from President Tolbert was welcomed by a member of the state protocol and by Miss Fannie Reed, the Liberian charge d'affaires in Zaire.

AZAP SCORES BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET

PA211731Y Paris AFP in French 1559 GMT 21 May 78 PA

[Text] Kinshasa, 21 May (AFP)--AGENCE ZAIRE PRESSE termed the attitude "displayed since the beginning of the hostilities by Belgian Foreign Minister Simonet" as "equivocal and strange."

According to the agency, during an interview granted on Sunday morning, General Mobutu said that "all the testimonies received from Kolwezi coincide as to Cuban participation on the side of the outlaws." "Even Mr Renard, the gecamine [not further identified] representative in Kolwezi, and a Belgian like Mr Simonet," General Mobutu added, "has been categorical: with his own eyes he saw Cubans giving orders both in Spanish and broken Swahili."

The agency added that "it has been learned from a Brussels source that Mr Simonet's equivocal attitude stems from his desire to humor at any cost the socialist camp--particularly Cubans, Angolans and Russians--in connection with this affair due to his upcoming visit to Angola."

"One wonders then if Minister Simonet will not take advantage of his visit to Luanda in June to congratulate the assassins of the Belgian families in Kolwezi, assassins who are presently in Angola, and to drink with them not a glass of champagne, but a glass of blood--the blood of the innocent Belgian victims," the Zairian agency concluded.

MOBUTU ORDERS BLOCKING OF CERTAIN IMPORTS

PA211818Y Paris AFP in French 1607 GMT 21 May 78 PA

[Text] Kinshasa, 21 May (AFP)--The AGENCE ZAIRE PRESSE (AZAP) announced on Sunday that President Mobutu has ordered the Zairian banks to block certain imports vital to the country "in order to pay the nearly $464,000 that represent Zaire's unpaid and overdue debts" to the United States.

According to AZAP, "Zaire's overdue debts, which of late have been the object of discussions in the U.S. Congress and whose prior settlement was a condition for the United States to grant the military credits requested by Zaire to confront the situation provoked by the rebels in southwestern Shaba, have been totally eliminated by this country. On the very same day that he learned of the U.S. Congress' condition, [word indistinct] in Kinshasa, and out of concern for the nation's dignity, General Mobutu ordered the banks in Zaire to stop certain vital imports in order to pay the nearly $464,000 representing these overdue debts increased by interest.

"Approached by this agency this morning, the financial circles of Zaire's banking sector confirmed this information, but voiced their surprise over the fact that this has not been made public by the U.S. Congress itself," AZAP concluded.

MPR YOUTH WING PROTESTS AT SOVIET, OTHER EMBASSIES

LD191918Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1600 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Excerpt] Kinshasa, AZAP--Over 5,000 pupils and students from secondary schools, higher institutes and Kinshasa university, led by the political commissar and secretary general of the Popular Movement for the Revolution's [MPR] youth wing, Citizen Sampassa Keweta Milombe, protested at the embassies of Algeria, Libya and the USSR in the capital this morning.

The demonstration, dubbed the "march of anger," was organized by the General Secretariat of the MPR's youth wing, MPR [Youth of the Popular Movement of the Revolution], to express the Zairian young people's anger and indignation over the interference of these countries in our country's affairs and their participation in the invasion of southeastern Shaba.

Shouting against the invaders and (?chanting) revolutionary slogans to demonstrate their total support for Guide Mobutu Sese Seko and for the Zairian armed forces, the demonstrators proceeded in a disciplined manner toward the embassies, in front of which a protest motion was read out.

In their motion, the Zairian young people roundly and indignantly condemned the proven participation of pseudo-progressive countries, namely, the USSR, Cuba and Algeria, in the infamous aggression of which Zaire has once again fallen victim.

Zairian youth, the Mobutist youth, adds the motion, has on several occasions demonstrated its friendship and fraternity with their counterparts in Africa and throughout the world and can only expect a positive attitude from them.

Castigating the arms merchants who, despite their stinging defeat last year, [words indistinct] and continue to arm adventurers to disrupt the peace and calm of the Zairian people, the Zairian youth appeal for solidarity from the pan-African youth movement and from all young people throughout the world, and urges them to condemn attacks (?against African countries), and particularly the attack against Zaire.

A copy of the motion was placed at the entrance of the embassy [as heard] before the demonstrators returned to La Place de l'Independence opposite the office of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion, Citizen Monkolot, national leader of the pioneer youth, said on behalf of the general secretariat that the protest organized by the party's youth is aimed at expressing anger against the Soviet, Cuban, Algerian and Libyan governments but was in no way directed against their peoples.

NIGERIA

SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS, CALLS ON GARBA

LD211152Y Lagos International Service in English 0730 GMT 21 May 78 LD

[Text] The Spanish foreign minister, Mr Marcelino Oreja Aguirre, says that his country will support closer relations with Nigeria in the commercial, economic and cultural fields. He made the remark in Lagos when he paid a courtesy call on the federal commissioner for external affairs, Brig Josep Garba. Mr Oreja said that it was the deliberate policy of the Spanish Government to maintain ties with the African countries based on the principle of respect for human rights. The Spanish minister is in Nigeria at the head of a delegation currently touring some African countries to explain Spain's position on the situation in the Canary Islands. Brigadier Garba and Mr Oreja exchanged views on ways of achieving a lasting solution to the problems on the islands.

UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS TO REOPEN

LD212258Y Lagos International Service in English 2200 GMT 21 May 78 LD

[Text] The University of Lagos is to resume lectures tomorrow. It was among the institutions closed down last month during the student crisis. Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria is also expected to reopen tomorrow.

IVORY COAST

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO SEND AID TO SHABA POPULATION

LD201954Y Kinshasa AZAP in French 1922 GMT 20 May 78 LD

[Summary] AZAP, Kinshasa--The Ivory Coast Government has announced that it has decided to send several tons of provisions and medicines to help the population of Shaba, which has suffered aggression. The message was passed to AZAP by the Ivory Coast Embassy this evening, and the decision was announced in the name of President Houphouet-Boigny.

SENEGAL

PRESIDENT SENGHOR APPROVES FRENCH ACTION IN ZAIRE

LD200902Y Paris Domestic Service in French 0600 GMT 20 May 78 LD

[Text] According to President Senghor of Senegal, who has just completed his official visit to France, the Zaire affair will not go far. The Belgian and French interventions will soon put out the Katangan fire, and President Senghor approves of the French intervention:

[Senghor--begin recording] I have always approved of France's intervention in defense of its African friends who are subjected to aggression from outside. [end recording]

President Senghor is attending the French-African conference, which starts on Monday, together with another 12 heads of state and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. The conference is taking place precisely at a difficult moment in the history of Africa.

ANGOLA

FRANCE, BELGIUM WARNED AGAINST VIOLATING BORDER

LD212046Y Paris Domestic Service in French 2000 GMT 21 May 78 LD

[Text] Clearly, the best way to recover the hostages taken by the Shaba rebels is to intervene at the Angolan frontier or even before. The Angolan ambassador in Belgium, who also represents his country's interests in France, has explained to [name indistinct] that an intervention beyond the frontier would be considered as an act of war and treated as such.

[Angolan ambassador--begin recording] Angolan troops would reply immediately to the violation of Angolan territorial integrity, whether it were French troops, or Belgian troops, or troops of any other country. But I can assure you that we have received assurances from the Belgian Government, and also from the French Government through its ambassador in Brussels, that foreign troops, that is, foreign troops intervening and currently in Zaire, will not go beyond the Angolan frontier. I should like to remind you that the Angolan frontier is fairly far from the theater of operations. As far as the Angolan position is concerned: If, in fact, Europeans want to cross our border, either in flight, that is voluntarily, or as hostages, our government has given its assurance to the Belgian Government, the French Government and the United States Government that protection would be given to these foreign nationals and that the Angolan Government would of course do everything in its power to help these nationals back to their countries. [end recording]

ANGOP CALLS RESCUE OPERATION PRETEXT FOR INTERVENTION

LD191558Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 19 May 78 LD

[Excerpts] Here is a special ANGOP dispatch on the situation in Shaba, Zaire:

(?Three) thousand Belgian and French paratroopers, with logistical support from the United States, began the announced military intervention in Zaire today on the pretext of evacuating foreigners resident in Kolwezi, (?before) the insurgents of the Congolese National Liberation Front [FNLC]. It is 14 years since, with the same [word indistinct] justification, the imperialist and mercenary forces (?marched) on Stanleyville to crush popular risings in the north of Zaire.

It is important to stress that this intervention is taking place in spite of the fact that the FNLC said in a communique issued in Brussels this morning that it is not opposed to the evacuation of Europeans living in the Kolwezi area, a proposal previously made by the International Red Cross. The FNLC adds that there can be no question of evacuating the European civilian population without a previous cease-fire--the sole guarantee of the safety of those to be evacuated.

[Word indistinct] to remember that in 1964, the indiscriminate massacres of Europeans and Africans took place precisely after an intervention similar to the one (?beginning) today.

The FNLC also recalled in its communique that General Mbumba, the commander of the FNLC forces in Shaba, (?a few days ago) invited the Western (?powers whose citizens) live in Kolwezi to send delegates there to see the real situation in which their fellow countrymen are living. This position reveals the arbitrary nature of the French-Belgian-American intervention now in progress.

One thousand seven hundred and fifty Belgian paratroopers and the (?1,850) legionnaires of the 2d foreign parachute regiment (?of the) French Foreign Legion [words indistinct] in the imperialist operation underway in Zaire--after a previous agreement between Brussels, London, Paris and Washington--were concentrated in Kinshasa last night awaiting a decision on a direct intervention (?against) Kolwezi.

The Belgian news agency, quoting authoritative sources, confirmed this morning that French paratroopers, at least, had already been dropped on the town of [few words indistinct] Shaba. The same source [words indistinct] communiques of the FNLC according to which the town of Mutshatsha, to the west of Kolwezi, is in fact in the hands of the insurgents. It also reported that the FNLC fighters are at present advancing in Shaba Province, far beyond Mutshatsha and Kolwezi, thus admitting indirectly that as the brutal imperialist intervention proceeds, the whole military situation is favorable to the FNLC fighters.

FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE INTERVIEWED BY HAVANA TELEVISION

FL201846Y Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 20 May 78 FL

[Excerpt of television interview with Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge, who spoke in Spanish]

[Text] [begin recording--Paulo Jorge] Keeping in mind that we are in a revolutionary country, in a fraternal country, we would also like to take advantage of this occasion to transmit to the heroic Cuban people, its party and revolutionary government, fraternal greetings from the Angolan people; to express the greetings and feelings of friendship felt by Comrade Agostinho Neto towards Comrade Commander Fidel Castro; and to stress in a very special way that the ties of friendship and solidarity, which have been developing extraordinarily between our two peoples, allows us to face the future of our two revolutions with great confidence.

We would also like to take this occasion to express our sincere thanks for the great solidarity that the Cuban people have always felt with the Angolan people, especially in the very difficult moments which even included Cuban combatants dying alongside Angolan combatants, contributing with their blood towards the defense of the Angolan revolution which was threatened by the imperialist powers and their agents in Africa. [end recording]

COMORO ISLANDS

PRIME MINISTER OUTLINES GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES

PA201607Y Paris AFP in Spanish 0412 GMT 20 May 78 PA

[Text] Moroni, 19 May (AFP)--Upon request, AFP's special correspondent in Moroni was allowed to visit former Comoran President Ali Soilih, who has been under house arrest since the coup d'etat which ousted him on 13 May.

Soilih, accompanied by two members of the National Liberation Army, seemed to be in good health and had apparently not been mistreated.

Although he was properly dressed, Soilih was handcuffed and did not utter a single word.

The present prime minister, Abdallah Mohammad, in an address broadcast over the radio, expressed his "profound emotion over all that the people suffered under the former regime," which he described as barbarous, dictatorial and personalistic."

Abdallah announced the restoration of democratic institutions in an atmosphere of respect for the Comoran people as soon as a climate of confidence is established.

The prime minister also announced the reestablishment of private property and said that the new government will promote individual initiative.

With regard to Mayotte (an island in the archipelago which is under French dominion), Abdallah called for the establishment of a federal system to achieve a just and equitable solution to the problem.

In this regard, he announced that negotiations would be opened with the French Government in a climate of confidence and understanding.

Finally, the prime minister said that the directorate had invited former President Ahmed Abdallah to return to the Comoros.

MOZAMBIQUE

MAPUTO: EMERGENCY SHIPMENT OF WHEAT EXPECTED

LD220552Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0800 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] A consignment of 10,000 tons of wheat, imported under emergency measures to end the bread shortage in Maputo, Gaza and Inhambane provinces, is expected in Maputo on 27 May. One of the causes of the shortage is that a ship from Canada which was due to arrive in Maputo on 29 April has been delayed. A Mozambique news agency statement by an official of the national directorate of home trade says that the Canadian ship was carrying 11,000 tons of wheat.

MAGAZINE GIVES REASONS FOR BREAD SHORTAGE

LD192048Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] The present lack of bread is essentially due to the fact that wheat flour supplies have completely run out, according to today's edition of the magazine TEMPO, quoting statements by members of the Maputo bakery guild. Recalling the long bread lines of 2 years ago, TEMPO says they began to reappear when some bakeries began producing bread of poor quality so that big crowds gathered at the one bakery producing better bread.

TEMPO adds that this serious problem raises various questions. Not only is there a shortage of flour, there are other difficulties, such as the fact that bakers have trouble buying what flour there is. The lack of flour is not caused by poor supply from the mills, since, according to a representative of the Matola industrial company, there is flour available even if it has to be imported, as when domestic production is insufficient. To these and other factors contributing to bread shortages may be added the fact that there has recently been a gradual increase in bread consumption.

Noting that discipline is also a problem, TEMPO cites cases of arrogance by some bakery workers and of bad time keeping.

PLANNING MINISTER RETURNS FROM BULGARIA

LD192152Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1400 GMT 19 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Planning Minister Marcelino dos Santos today returned to Maputo from Sofia, where he took part in the meeting of the Mozambique-Bulgarian cooperation joint commission.

SAO TOME INFORMATION MINISTER, DELEGATION ARRIVE

LD211810Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 21 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] Aldo Espirito Santo, minister of information and peoples culture of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, arrived in Maputo last night for a 7-day visit to our country. He is accompanied by the political commissar of that country, Alberto Chong. Besides talks which the delegation will hold with our country's party and government members, it is bringing a message from the president of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Pinto da Costa, for Samora Moises Machel, president of FRELIMO and president of Mozambique. The delegation took part in the international conference of progressive parties of African countries in Madagascar.

ZANU'S MUGABE TO VISIT PEKING TO DISCUSS SUPPORT

LD202022Y Maputo Voice of Zimbabwe in English to Rhodesia 1800 GMT 20 May 78 LD/EA

[Summary] The president of ZANU and coleader of the patriotic front, Robert Mugabe, is to visit Peking for talks with Chinese Communist Party leaders on China's support for the Zimbabwe liberation war.

RHODESIA

JET VIOLATES AIRSPACE, 12 MORE KILLED IN FIGHTING

LD220426Y Johannesburg International Service in English 0400 GMT 22 May 78 LD

[Text] Rhodesian combined forces headquarters in Salisbury has released details of an incident near the Victoria Falls involving an unidentified jet aircraft. It says in a communique that a single-engined delta-winged jet aircraft entered Rhodesian airspace at the Victoria Falls from Zambia. The plane flew very low and there was reaction from the Rhodesian security forces. It flew on the Rhodesian side of the Zambezi river for a while before flying back to Zambia. Zambian troops immediately opened fire on the plane with heavy machine guns. It is not known whether the plane was hit.

The communique also disclosed that 12 more people have died in the Rhodesian terrorist war. One of them was 45-year-old Mr Timothy Elton, who was shot by terrorists when his car was ambushed in the Cashel farming area.

SALISBURY REFUTES CLAIMS ON ZIMBABWE DEATH TOLL

LD191016Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 18 May 78 LD/CA

[Excerpts] In a statement this evening, combined operations headquarters ridiculed what it termed unsourced reports which claim that 94 curfew-breakers had died in crossfire between security forces and communist terrorists on Sunday.

A combined operations spokesman said the figures of 50 curfew-breakers has risen to 52--2 injured people having died in hospital. He added that an extensive 24-hour air and ground search had failed to locate more casualties.

The statement says reports claiming a higher death toll also asserted that only one terrorist had been present, but local and international journalists who visited the scene yesterday and spoke to survivors reported that the terror gang had been eight-strong. He added: We have no knowledge of any deaths outside our revised figure of 52. To imply that 44 bodies were not located following such an intensive search as we launched is quite ridiculous.

Communique Reports Incidents

LD191022Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 18 May 78 LD/CA

[Text] A combined operations headquarters communique today reports the death in action of guard (Epheus Joel), aged 21 and single, from the Gokwe District. His next of kin have been informed. Yesterday morning, Mr (Ian Douglas Black), aged 68 and married, from Emtali was murdered by a terrorist gang. The incident took place on the Umtali-Inyanga road when he stopped to assist a black motorist who, unknown to him, had been stopped by the terrorist gang. His next of kin have been informed.

Security forces have killed six terrorists and two terrorist collaborators. In separate incidents in the tribal areas, two civilian vehicles detonated terrorist landmines, resulting in the death of six black civilians and injuries to two others.

Terrorists have murdered another two black civilians in the tribal trust lands. Also yesterday morning, two petrol tankers were stopped by terrorists on the Bulawayo-Beitbridge road, some 10 kilometers northwest of Bietbridge, and set on fire. Their crews were not injured. Elsewhere in the operational area, terrorists have looted stores, buses, beer halls and clinics. In the northwestern operational area, ZIPA [Zimbabwe People's Army] terrorists have looted a council office, a beer hall and a clinic in addition to destroying council records.

TWO RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES KILLED

TA190935Y Paris AFP in English 0909 GMT 19 May 78 TA

[Text] Salisbury, May 19 (AFP)--Guerrillas in eastern Rhodesia have killed two representatives of the International Red Cross, usually reliable sources said here today.

The sources said the killing took place near the Mozambique border in the Inyanga area.

The two Red Cross representatives were in a vehicle ambushed by the guerrillas. When the vehicle stopped, the guerrillas dragged the two out, forced them to kneel in the road and then shot them, the sources said.

No details of the victims' identities or nationalities were immediately available. They are the first Red Cross personnel to die in the Rhodesian guerrilla war.

SMITH: YOUNG, OWEN HAVE CHANGED ACCORD STANDS

LD191104Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 18 May 78 LD/CA

[Text] The prime minister and a member of the Executive Council, Mr Ian Smith, says that things are moving in the right direction as far as Rhodesia's future is concerned.

Speaking at the ACCOR [Associated Chambers of Commerce of Rhodesia] congress at Victoria Falls today, the prime minister said one of the prime tasks of the transitional government is to seek a lifting of sanctions. He said this will come with recognition. Mr Smith said that both the American ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Young, and the British foreign secretary, Dr Owen, have changed their positions on the question of recognizing the Salisbury accord. Mr Smith said Dr Owen has told the House of Commons that if free elections were held in Rhodesia the British Government would have to recognize the government. He stressed that the transitional government has already gone beyond the request made by the former American secretary of state, Dr Kissinger, in 1976. The prime minister concluded that while it's impossible to give a timetable for recognition, events in Rhodesia are moving forward.

SOUTH AFRICA

BOTHA SCORES WESTERN 'DOUBLE STANDARDS' IN ZAIRE

LD201650Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1600 GMT 20 May 78 LD

[Text] The South African defense minister, Mr P.W. Botha, says the situation in Zaire is yet another example of the double standards applied by the West. Opening a new (?sheep ranch) at [name indistinct], Mr Botha said that France was allowed to send troops to Zaire to protect her nationals, but South African action to protect the people of South-West Africa resulted in worldwide protest. Mr Botha said that if the free world did not take steps to end terrorism and infiltration, it would eventually be unable to stand up against Marxist imperialism with its aim of the world domination.

BOPHUTHATSWANA PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM TRANSKEI

LD212306Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1600 GMT 21 May 78 LD

[Text] President Mangope of Bophuthatswana says he found it necessary to visit Transkei to fight that country's steps against South Africa and the subsequent press reports on the break in relations. Mr Mangope was speaking in Mmabatho on his return to the capital after a 3-day visit to the Transkei. He was welcomed back with full military honors.

MINISTER HORWOOD REGRETS 'STRAINED RELATIONS' WITH U.S.

LD181408Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1300 GMT 18 May 78 LD

[Text] South Africa's minister of finance, Senator Horwood, says the strained relations between South Africa and the United States are regrettable and quite unnecessary. Addressing the American Club of Brussels, he said he trusted that this situation was a temporary setback in the good relations that ought to prevail between the two countries.

RHODESIAN MINISTERS HOLD TALKS IN CAPE TOWN

LD122211Y Johannesburg International Service in English 2100 GMT 12 May 78 LD

[Text] The Rhodesian joint ministers of finance, commerce and industry, Mr Bulle and Mr David Smith, met members of the South African Government in Cape Town today. After discussions with the minister for economic affairs, Mr Heunis, [few words indistinct] Mr Bulle emphasized during a press conference that the new Government of Rhodesia needed South Africa's economic support. He said, despite the fact that a majority government in Salisbury (?could) have a different approach to [word indistinct] relations with South Africa, he nevertheless believed that relations between the two countries would remain as in the past.

Mr Bulle and Mr Smith flew back to Salisbury after brief discussions with the minister of foreign affairs, Mr Botha and the prime minister, Mr Vorster.

MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY RECEIVED OFFER FROM MACHEL, KAUNDA

LD181416Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1300 GMT 18 May 78 LD

[Text] It has come to light that President Machel of Mozambique and President Kaunda of Zambia have offered one of Rhodesia's black leaders, Bishop Muzorewa, room to live in their countries if he withdraws from the Rhodesian interim government. This has been disclosed in Salisbury by a senior official of Bishop Muzorewa's United African National Council, who said the offers had been made in written communications.

ZAMBIA REPORTEDLY TO BUILD ROAD TO SEA THROUGH ANGOLA

LD211418Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1300 GMT 21 May 78 LD

[Text] Zambia is to build a new road which will give her access to the sea through Angola. The project was announced by the permanent secretary in the Zambian Public Works Ministry, Mr (Kagala), who said the total cost would be about 60 million rand. Work on the Angolan section of the road from Kamapanda has already begun. Mr (Kagala) said the object was to provide a shortcut to the Angolan port city of Lobito, over a distance of about 800 km.

ZAMBIA

KAUNDA CONCLUDES TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

LD191026Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 19 May 78 LD/CA

[Text] President Kaunda wound up 2 days of talks in Washington with President Carter pledging increased aid and further efforts to solve the Rhodesian and Namibian disputes. Today Dr Kaunda heads for Atlanta, Georgia, capital city of Mr Carter's home state, to receive the Martin Luther King Peace Prize from Coretta King, the widow of the assassinated black civil rights leader.

A statement issued by the White House after the talks yesterday said Mr Carter had assured Dr Kaunda that the United States would continue its efforts to bring majority rule in Rhodesia and independence in Namibia. It also said Mr Carter had promised to seek congressional approval to increase American economic aid to Zambia.

ARAB FINANCIERS AGREE TO GIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

LD191010Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 0500 GMT 19 May 78 LD/CA

[Excerpts] A consortium of Arab financiers has agreed to give Zambia a substantial loan to help her offset her current economic problems, Finance Minister Mr John Mwanakatwe said in Washington yesterday. Mr Mwanakatwe refused to disclose the amount of the money until final details have been approved in Lusaka but indicated that the sum involved was more or less equal to that clinched by the government from the International Monetary Fund.

The minister said that Zambia has also invited major donors to attend a consultative meeting to take place in Paris at the end of June to assist in working out details of Zambia's third national development plan which will be launched early next year.

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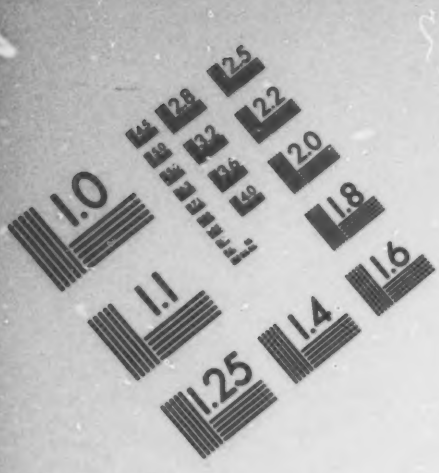

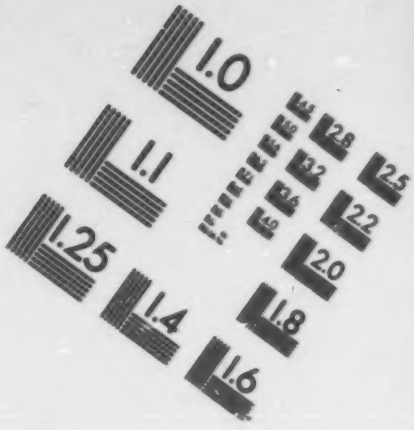

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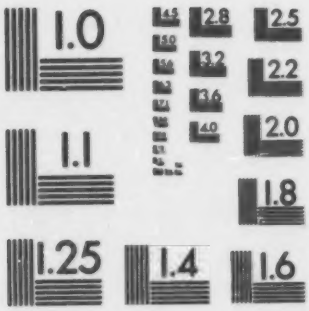

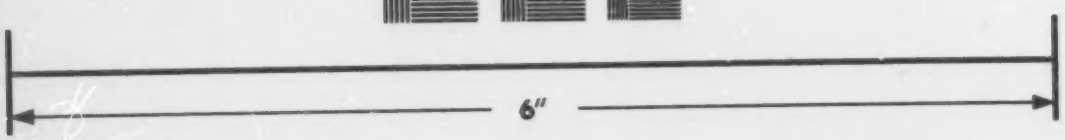

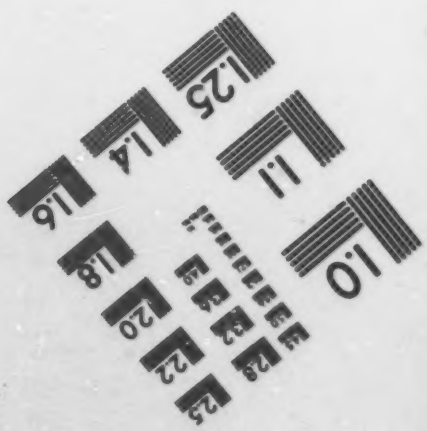

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